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## **PIMA COUNTY RECORDS SECOND WEST NILE VIRUS DEATH**

Tucson, AZ – November 14, 2006 – The Pima County Health Department announced today it has received word of a second death attributed to West Nile virus. An elderly gentleman was admitted to a local hospital on October 4, 2006 with a neuron-invasive form of the virus and had been under medical care. The victim did not reside within the previously identified “hot zone” area of east central metropolitan Tucson.

This death brings the total to 2 this year from West Nile. The first death of the year, an elderly woman, was recorded in early September.

“We continue to receive a decrease in the number of human cases being reported to us. With a total of 47 cases to date, most reflect bite exposure of more than 2 weeks ago,” said Dr. Michelle McDonald, Chief Medical Officer for the Pima County Health Department. “It is important to remember, however, that with the prediction of a warm and wet winter some mosquitoes ‘over winter’ meaning they will continue to breed and thus can carry West Nile virus,” cautioned McDonald. “Thus, everyone needs to be vigilant in wearing repellent when outside and eliminating standing water from around their homes.”

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